

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. ~ 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A test method used for a test apparatus including a plurality of test modules, connected to either of the plurality of devices under test, for supplying a test signal to the connected device under test, ~~and~~ a plurality of control apparatuses for controlling the plurality of test modules, and a connection setting section for switching topology of the plurality of control apparatuses and the plurality of test modules, the connection setting section being connected with both the plurality of control apparatuses and the plurality of test modules, comprising steps of:

acquiring a connection switching setting data indicating which one of the plurality of site control apparatuses is to be connected with each of the test modules;

connecting each of control apparatuses with test modules based on the connection switching setting data so that each control apparatus is connected with the plurality of devices under test; and

controlling the plurality of test modules by connected control apparatus and testing the plurality of devices under test in parallel.

10. (Previously Presented) A test method used for a test apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein said connection switching setting data vary from at least one of the number of terminals of each of the devices under test, arrangement of the terminals of each of the devices under test, kind of the terminals of each of the devices under test and kind of a test of each of the devices under test.